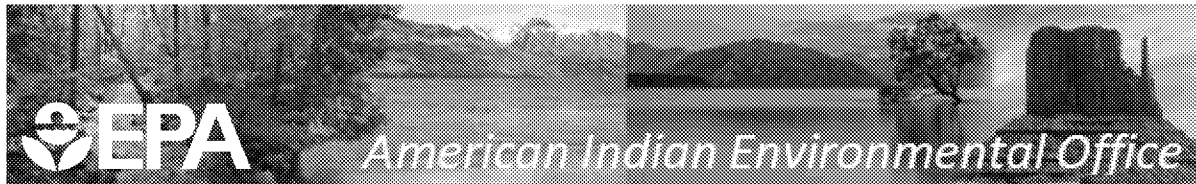


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AIEO Weekly

December 3 – 9, 2020

AIEO Director Addresses Region 8 RTOC

On Tuesday, December 8, AIEO Director Scott Mason participated in and addressed the Region 8 Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) at a quarterly meeting. In his remarks, Director Mason thanked R8 RTOC Chair Jason Walker for his continued work with EPA, and highlighted the establishment of the new Office of Mountains, Deserts and Plains, EPA's recognition of November as Native American Heritage Month, and [a recent report](#) that was published several weeks ago by the federal General Accountability Office regarding EPA grants to tribes.

THIS WEEK

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On Thursday, December 3, AIEO met with colleagues from EPA's Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery (ORCR), and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service's Indian Health Service (IHS) to discuss lessons learned from the Codes & Ordinances training currently offered to tribal solid and hazardous waste programs through the EPA/IHS Interagency Agreement (IA). The contractors facilitating the trainings joined the conversation to share observations about the successes and the challenges to the trainings. Key takeaways are that in-person trainings are preferred, as well as breaking the training into two parts to allow tribal programs to have the time between classes to work on draft codes and lawyers to review drafts before meeting in-person again. EPA and IHS will meet again in January 2021 to discuss the completion of the Codes & Ordinances portion of the IA.

White House COVID-19 Briefing Call

On Monday, December 6, AIEO staff were among those who joined a COVID-19 Briefing Call hosted by the White House's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. William F. Crozer, Special Assistant to the President & Deputy Director. Joined other Senior Administration Officials to provide updates on Operation Warp Speed and the Administrations efforts to fast-track vaccine administration, as well as to preview the Operation Warp Speed Vaccine Summit, which will feature remarks from President Trump and Vice-President Pence.

AIEO and OITA CFC Update

AIEO reminds all that the CFC Cause of the Week is Housing and Shelter.

The latest CFC agency updates reported a significant increase in pledges from just 8 days ago totaling \$665k! Excitingly, this was an increase of \$167k! OITA has a reported pledge totals of \$5,025! EPA headquarters also received comparison reports to last year and is trending ahead of where it was on this campaign day last year (79% higher), as well as ahead of this calendar day last year (29% higher). The totals are broken down in this [report](#) for further review. For more information on how you can participate, please visit. www.cfcgiving.org.

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location
December 8-10, 2020	R8 RTOC (virtual)	NA
December 14-15, 2020	NTC/EPA Winter Meeting	NA
December 15, 2020	R3 RTOC (virtual)	NA

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